

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 1, please replace the paragraph on lines 3-9 with the following:

A<sup>1</sup> -- This application claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of the following United States provisional patent applications: (1) Provisional Application No. ~~to be assigned~~ 60/266,318, filed December 14, 1999, ~~as Application No. 09/464,460~~ for "Bovine Immunodeficiency Virus (BIV) Based Vectors," ~~and subject to a Petition for Conversion to Provisional Application, filed November 16, 2000;~~ and (2) Provisional Application No. 60/249,492, filed November 17, 2000 for "Bovine Immunodeficiency Virus (BIV) Based Vectors." The disclosures of these two provisional applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --